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Sergeant Becomes 24th To Leave MWC Police

By Max Tuefferd
Special to the Bullet

Sergeant Sandra Gooding, recipient of the Governor's Community Crime Prevention Award for the past two years, has resigned from the Mary Washington College police department.

ment.

"I regret that I am unable to continue my duties in the police department for many reasons, including attempting to restore my physical health. I cannot continue to serve in the atmosphere created by the current administration," Gooding said.

Her resignation comes on the heels of an investigation of the campus police department by a state management assessment team.

On the advice of her lawyer, Gooding said she could not comment further.

With her resignation, Gooding be-

comes the 24th employee of the department to either quit or be fired since Campus Police Chief David Ankney arrived at MWC in September 1989. All of the employees who have left have been either officers or

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Bullet Wins Top Awards

The Mary Washington College *Bullet* has been named the best all-around non-daily newspaper in the Society of Professional Journalists' Mark of Excellence regional competition.

Four *Bullet* staff members also

won individual awards in several categories, including first place for spot news and for in-depth reporting.

The competition was sponsored

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Prof Says She Was Forced To Stop Teaching

By Jennifer Dockray
Bullet Staff Writer

College administrators said last week that Professor of Dance Cathy Paine was relieved of her teaching duties in a mutual decision, but Paine said this week that the decision was solely an administrative one.

"It was not a mutual decision. I was basically fired," said Paine.

Paine received a letter from MWC President William Anderson on Tuesday, April 6, requesting that she "tender [her] resignation, effective immediately." The letter also ordered Paine to not meet with her classes again and remove all of her belongings from the campus.

Cathy Paine
Paine, who had already submitted a letter of resignation effective May 15, refused to resign early in an April 8 letter to the president. According to Paine's letter, "After consulting my legal and financial advisors I have decided to refuse to tender my resignation at this time."

Anderson cited Paine's grading policy and excessive absences as reasons for her removal. In his letter, Anderson said that he had been informed that Paine had guar-

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Senior: Grading Biased Against Her As Christian

By Janet Marshall
Bullet News Editor

A Mary Washington College senior has alleged that an MWC chemistry professor lowered some of her grades after she disagreed with him over interpretations of the Bible. The professor, now retired, has denied the charge. In the February/March issue of *The New Life Journal*, a local Christian magazine, senior Wendy MacKinnon wrote that the professor, who she misidentified in an article but now says was Lawrence Wishner, "tried to label the Bible as a story book by trying to make it look contradictory and false."

She said that she responded to Wishner's statements about the Bible by discussing the Bible with him "without denying him the proper respect by being argumentative."

However, she wrote, "As the semester progressed, I noticed my lab grades had dropped from A's and B's to constant C's, while my lab partner's grades had remained high. When I stopped standing up for what I believed in my lab grades shot back up. For the first time in my life, I had been held back and not given an equal shot because what I believed differed from what someone else believed," she wrote.

MacKinnon said last week that there was no doubt in her mind that her grades had suffered because of the Biblical discussions she had with Wishner.

But Wishner said he never recalled having a discussion about the Bible with MacKinnon, and that he only recalls a few instances when the Bible was mentioned in one of his classes.

"I can't recall any discussions with her," Wishner said.

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The Year In Review



Counter-clockwise from above: Bill Clinton meets the people in Culpeper en route to his inauguration; College President William Anderson speaks at November rally against racism; women's soccer player is dejected after semi-final loss in NCAA championships; SA President Devon Williams looks at Vice President Rob Abrams, who was later suspended from school for sexual assault; students at rally against racism.

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Art Speyer, Mike Woodward, Brendan Kelly, Kim Stoker, Mike Woodward. For more photos, see page 3.

Eight Report Rapes In 1992 But Only Two Press Charges

By Kristen Green
Bullet Assistant News Editor

Although eight rapes were reported to Mary Washington College campus police in 1992, only two of the victims actually pressed charges against their assailants. In one of those cases, the accused was found guilty and suspended from the college. In the other case, the accused was found not guilty, according to Rhonda Angel, coordinator of sexual assault and substance abuse services.

Four of the eight rapes that were reported to campus police were reported by a third party.

Nancy Bailey, staff psychologist for MWC's psychological services center, thinks MWC is in line with national statistics that show that one in four women is a

victim of rape or attempted rape.

"I always feel that Mary Washington isn't any different than any other campus," she said.

Angel said she thinks the level of rape reporting at MWC falls in line with national statistics as well.

"Whatever the trend is in society is going to be true on campus," Angel said. "Because there is very little discussion and few support services, people are less likely to come forward."

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Tuition To Increase For Third Straight Year

By Jennifer Dockray
Bullet Staff Writer

In-state students living on campus will pay an extra \$462 to attend the college next year, a 6.2 percent increase in tuition and fees and room and board from the current rates. This is the third time in three years that the Board of Visitors has approved an increase in student costs.

Tuition and fees for in-state students will increase 5.9 percent, from \$2,896 to \$3,066. Out-of-state students will now pay \$7,136 for tuition and fees, \$384 more than current costs.

According to Director of Public Information Ron Singleton, the increases will balance out both increases in

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Rhonda Angel



ENTERTAINMENT -
Screaming Trees on campus this week for Earth Day activities. See page 9.



FEATURES - A Resident Assistant comes out of the closet to his residents. See page 9.



SPORTS - MWC baseball team wins CAC tournament. See page 11.



Above, psychology Professor Carole Corcoran addresses crowd at rally against racism, photo by Mike Woodward; right, city conflicts draw student activity, photo by Mike Woodward; below, SA President Devon Williams and LAC chair Heather Jacobs plot overthrow of voter registration office, photo by Mike Woodward.



Center, the trash guy, Leonard Graves, does his thing, photo by Derek Botcher; above, George Bush campaigns in the Burg, photo by Mike Woodward; left, geography Professor Donald Rallis at homosexuality forum, photo by Thomas Park; below, hundreds attend rally against racism, photo by Mike Woodward.



1992-93: More Of The Year In Review



Far left, snowman in Ball Circle, photo by Kim Stoker; center left, *Beauty Myth* author Naomi Wolfe, photo by Kim Stoker; near left, dancers in concert: a dying breed? photo by Kim Stoker.

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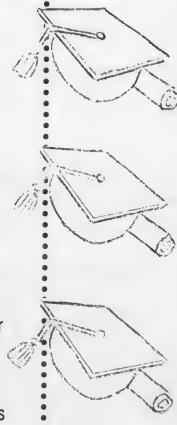
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Alumna Gives \$3 Million To MWC; Largest Gift In College's History

Mary Washington College President William Anderson announced Friday night that an MWC alumna and her husband have contributed \$3 million to MWC, the largest gift in the college's 85-year history.

Anderson made the announcement during a black-tie dinner honoring the donors, Alice Andrews Jepson and Robert S. Jepson, Jr. of Savannah, Ga.

A total of \$2 million of the gift will be applied toward construction of a new \$1.7 million four-story science center opening in January 1996, while \$1 million will be added to the Jepson Fellows awards, an endowed faculty salaries program.

"This gift comes from the heart," Anderson said. "It comes out of a sense of love for Mary Washington College and an appreciation for higher education's importance in the lives of young people today."

He said the Jepsons' gift will allow the new science center to be built several years ahead of schedule. With-

out the commitment of private funds, the project may not have been listed on last fall's general obligation bond referendum for the state.

In that referendum, MWC received \$7.7 million for the science center, with an arrangement that the balance would come from private and college funds.

Construction of the new science building is expected to begin as early as January 1994, with completion tentatively scheduled for January 1996. The 75,000 sq. ft. building, which will be located between Simpson Library and Sunken Road, will be the college's largest structure.

It will house the biology, chemistry, environmental science, geology and physics programs. The facility will take advantage of the latest in computer technology for science students, and will have lab and research equipment considered "state of the art."

The \$1 million for the Jepson Fellows program will be used to increase the number of Jepson Fellows

awards and to provide recipients with a new source of professional development monies.

The Jepson Fellows program, which began with a \$1 million gift from the Jepson's four years ago, was designed to help attract and retain some of the college's very best junior faculty members.

"As with the first gift establishing the Jepson Fellows program in 1989, we hope that by increasing the number and amount of these awards we can retain exceptional faculty who have served Mary Washington College with distinction," said Anderson.

Alice Jepson currently serves as a member of the Board of Visitors at MWC, having been appointed to a four-year term in 1989 by then-Governor Gerald Baliles. She holds a B.A. in English from Mary Washington College and in May 1989, she was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters by the college.

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anted 'A' grades to students in her dance classes, and told the students "they should not feel compelled to continue attending those classes." Michael Joyce, chairperson of the departments of dramatic arts and dance, said that at least one person, a student, told him on Friday, April 2, of Paine's policy.

"The information came from more than one person in the department, but it originated from a student," said Joyce.

Paine did not deny this allegation, but said this occurred in only one class, beginning modern dance.

"I told the class that it was my last semester and I really wanted people in my class who wanted to be there. I didn't want them in my class if they did not want to be there. I told them I would not penalize them if they did not attend," said Paine.

Paine said she asked the eight students in the class if they agreed to this policy, and only one student did not attend the class again.

"That has always been my most difficult class to teach because some students take it because they have to, either for the theater major or P.E.

requirements," said Paine.

Paine has not met with her four classes since receiving the letter, and two substitutes are currently teaching the classes. Joyce will be responsible for assigning grades to the students enrolled in her courses.

Joyce said that he will assign these grades after consulting with Paine, the substitute professor and the students.

"I will get feedback from Cathy, and I think it's important that the students help with their grades," said Joyce.

According to Anderson's letter, Paine also missed classes without informing her department chair, which is the normal procedure for a professor. But Paine said that Joyce did not require members of his department to inform him of absences.

Joyce said he usually does not require dance professors to inform him of absences "as a minimum basis," but refused to comment on whether or not Paine's absences had increased from previous semesters.

Paine said that she did not cancel classes any more than usual this semester, and estimated that she had

cancelled each of her classes an average of three times this semester. She also said she did inform Joyce of a week-long absence in February for health reasons, and said that she had to pay for her substitutes.

According to Hall, the department chairperson is responsible for finding substitutes for professors, and the school then pays for them. Joyce confirmed that Paine did, in fact, pay for her substitutes that week.

"In some cases it is necessary for a faculty member to pay for a substitute depending on why they will be out," said Joyce.

Marjorie Poyck, executive assistant to the president, said that it is very unusual for a professor to pay for substitutes.

Poyck also said that no further action has been taken towards Paine's situation, and that her resignation will probably simply go into effect on May 15. Paine is currently still receiving pay from the college.

Paine said that she has had no further contact with the administration since April 6, and she is awaiting a response before she takes any further action.

AWARDS

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by the Society of Professional Journalists, the nation's largest and oldest journalism organization.

The *Bullet* placed ahead of other non-daily newspapers in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and Washington, D.C. American University's newspaper, *The Eagle*, which won the award regionally last year and which was given the national award this past fall, placed second behind the *Bullet* in this year's regional competition. Howard University's paper placed third.

"Several issues [of the Bullet] contained current topics that appeal both to student and non-student readers. Its airy graphics and layout make it an appealing newspaper, one that's easy on the eye to read," the judges said.

The regional awards certificates are scheduled to be presented April 24 at

an awards program at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

All first place winners will now compete against first place winners in SPJ's 11 other regions for the national award, which will be announced this summer and presented in October in Miami.

According to awards coordinator Gregory Gilligan, a business writer for the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, four *Bullet* staffers captured an additional five awards.

News editor Janet Marshall won first place in the spot news category for her coverage of the Student Conduct Hearing Board trial in which then-Student Association Vice President Rob Abrams was found guilty of sexual assault and suspended from MWC.

Marshall won first place in the in-depth reporting category as well, for

an article that examined the sexual assault policy at MWC. Marshall is also a candidate for national awards in both categories.

Andrea Hatch, editor-in-chief, placed third in the spot news category for an article that first informed the public that three African-American students had received racially motivated death threats.

Cartoonist Matt Dehoux, who graduated in December, placed second in the editorial cartooning category for a series of editorial cartoons, including one titled, "Bill Clinton Smokes Without Inhaling."

Karen Goddard, who graduated in May 1992 and who is now teaching in Japan, placed second in the in-depth reporting category for an article that examined homosexual attitudes on the MWC campus.

**This is the last Bullet of the semester.
Printing will resume in the fall.**

Local AIDS Support Organization To Hold Open House April 30

By Christina Higgins
Bullet Staff Writer

A local support organization for people with HIV/AIDS will open its newly renovated doors to the community at an open house on April 30.

HIV/AIDS Support Services Incorporated, a non-profit organization that also offers support for friends and families of those with HIV/AIDS, has been in operation since the end of February. But according to Monica Mueller, secretary of the organization's board, the house, located at 415 Elm St., has needed much renovation.

With the help of many Mary Washington College student volunteers, the renovation has come, Mueller said that MWC students have been painting the exterior of the house and scraping windows.

Since the acquisition of the house, MWC students as well as members of the organization have been working to renovate it.

"We have actually been recruiting volunteers," Mueller said.

The purpose of the open house is to introduce the community to the organization.

"It's really our coming out," Mueller said.

Mueller said food and drink will be served, and guitarist Pete Fields will offer entertainment and speak on the healing power of music at the open house, held from 5-9 p.m.

According to Elizabeth Whiston-Dean, director of MWC's Community Outreach and Resources, the COAR office has posted sign-up sheets for students to volunteer their time to HIV/AIDS Support Services Incorporated, though COAR does not have an official connection to the organization.

"COAR is likely to have a designated council member in the future. We've just had our hands full with other things," Whiston-Dean said. COAR did, however, sponsor two days of renovation on the house, and has also sponsored a buddy training

session for students involved with the organization.

Despite the renovation, meetings for people with AIDS and for family and friends of people with AIDS have been held on a weekly basis. Ken Burns, HIV/AIDS Support Services Incorporated office manager, said that approximately 50 people with HIV/AIDS are enrolled for support services.

Burns said it is difficult to estimate the number of active members who attend the family/friends meetings because the numbers vary from week to week.

"The phone has been ringing constantly since we moved in," he added.

According to Mueller, the organization offers case management services, general information and referral services. She said that HIV/AIDS Support Services Incorporated will eventually offer a buddy program, an information bureau and an information hotline as well.

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operating costs of the college and an average of 5.5 percent faculty salary increase that was also approved this weekend.

Singleton said that although tuition is increasing, Mary Washington has managed to maintain one of the lowest increase rates among public institutions in the state.

"Tuition increases every year, but Mary Washington has had one of the smallest increases in the state, and this trend has continued this year. Longwood has increased much more

than us, and George Mason is increasing almost 20 percent," said Singleton.

Room and board fees also increased, as residential students will now pay \$4,844 for room and board for one school year, an increase of 6.4 percent over the current rate of \$4,552. Singleton said that this increase will help pay for increasing utility rates and food service costs.

"There are a lot of factors that are increasing every year, and there is virtually always an increase in tuition," said Singleton.

Singleton said that another factor affecting the increase is the amount

of money the school receives from the state. The state's share of the school budget has decreased consistently during the past ten years, forcing student tuition to pay for nearly half of the operating costs for the campus.

"Ten years ago, as much as 70 percent was paid by the state fees, but now the pressure is shifting to the students and their parents because the state is paying less to the school," said Singleton.

But, Singleton added, "Mary Washington has been able to keep increases to a minimum despite decrease in state funding."

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Board Of Visitors Postpones Decision On Fate Of Dance Department

By Jennifer Dockery
Bullet Staff Writer

The approximately forty students who turned out at the Board of Visitors meeting on Thursday in support of the dance major may have thought the wait was over, but the fate of the major program is still undecided. Members of the board academic affairs committee decided to postpone their final decision until a future meeting. According to Committee Chairperson Alice Jepson, the board needs more time to discuss the situation because the original discussion was postponed due to snow in February.

"This was our first discussion of it, so no decision will be made at this meeting. It's really been hanging over our heads for a while," said Jepson.

The major is in danger of being discontinued due to low major enrollment, according to Vice President for Academic Affairs Philip Hall. The State Council of Higher Education of Virginia dictates that a program must have

an average of five graduates a year for a period of five years to be considered lucrative. There are currently seven dance majors, but the program has averaged from zero to seven majors since 1981, according to Hall.

"We have perennially been on SCHEV's close scrutiny list. We resisted closing it when they first mentioned the problem because we considered it a good program," said Hall.

Hall said that the departments of dramatic arts and dance were combined in 1990, offering a single degree in performing arts, to combat the problem of low enrollment in both majors.

"We argued that surely we could launch a major recruitment effort," he said, but then added that there has since been no upturn of declared majors. But it was obvious that dance majors aren't the only ones worrying about the program, as a non-major spoke for the students.

Junior Angela Shackford, a sociology major, emphasized the importance of dance in her personal life, and to

the diversity of the college.

"One unique thing about Mary Washington is that it is the only small liberal arts school with public funding that offers dance as a major," said Shackford, and added that she would not have chosen to attend this school were it not for the dance program.

"I came here because I wanted a liberal arts education. Dance is an art, it helps give students a perspective. It affects a lot more than seven people. Without it, you are losing a lot of view, losing a focus, losing a perspective," she said.

If the program is discontinued as a major, the school plans to still offer lower-level dance courses, according to Hall. Shackford argued that this will not affect the students the same experience in dance.

"It is not an intellectual pursuit if you take away the upper-level courses. Those classes are the most important in terms of art and communication," she said. "And the quality of the department has increased without help

from the administration."

Department Chairperson Michael Joyce said that he feels that their budget has been generous compared to the number of students in the program.

"The question of (administrative) support is not crucial, but whether or not dance has a future is the question," said Joyce. "I think dance itself is going through a revival." He continued, "I think there are enough students coming that you can justify continuing the department."

Vice President for Admissions Martin Wilder said that 51 accepted applicants for next year have expressed an interest in the dance major, compared to an average of approximately 30 interested students in previous years. Joyce also argued that the proposed plan does not save much money because the school would still have to hire someone to replace Cathy Paine, a full-time professor of dance who was removed from the classroom two weeks ago by administrators.

Gay Couple Discusses Struggle To Obtain A Marriage License In D.C.

By Kim Blair
Bullet Staff Writer

Craig Dean and Pat Gill want to be married. June 20 will mark the couple's seventh anniversary, and they feel they are ready to tie the knot. Sounds simple, but for Dean and Gill the marriage process has been more complicated than finding the perfect caterer or florist. Dean and Gill have to win a lawsuit first. Dean and Gill filed a lawsuit against the District of Columbia in November 1990 because the district would not issue the gay couple a marriage license.

"If we did not pursue trying to get legally married, then we'd be giving in to homophobia," said Dean.

Dean and Gill discussed their struggle to obtain a legal marriage license in a lecture on April 13 in

Combs Hall. The lecture, "Gay Marriage: An Idea Whose Time Has Come?" was sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Student Association. In the lecture, the couple focused on the problems that gay and lesbian people face in today's society.

Dean said that the couple was denied a marriage license because same sex marriages are not specifically authorized by D.C. law. He said the law is feasible because the law does not specifically prohibit these marriages either.

Dean, an attorney, said, "The D.C. marriage law is written in a gender neutral way."

He explained how the law prohibits incestuous and polygamous marriages, but does not restrict gay marriages.

"There is really no reason to stop

us," he said.

Currently, the couple's case resides in the D.C. Court of Appeals. The couple's first hearing was held in July 1991.

Dean said he feels that the court of appeals is somewhat more lenient than the superior court.

"The good news is that we are out of the superior court and entered the appeals court," said Dean. "If we win, in effect, the minimum will be legalized marriage."

The couple wants a legal marriage in order to obtain the legal rights that a marriage offers. In the case of a medical emergency, a gay person is not authorized to make decisions for his partner. Also, in the event of a partner's death, the survivor has no right to the marriage estate.



Photo: Thomas Park
Gay couple told story of their lawsuit against the District of Columbia.

Board Approves Merge Of Geology, Environmental Science Majors

By George Chase
Bullet Staff Writer

The Board of Visitors voted Saturday to merge the geology and environmental science majors to form a new department which will allow both majors to meet state regulated graduation requirements.

According to Philip Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean, the new department will not be formed by the 1993 fall semester but might be in place for the 1994 spring semester.

Hall said the majors are being combined to form a department because the geology department, with just twelve declared majors, was in danger of not meeting a state regulated graduation requirement. He said the state council, which regulates productivity in state schools, requires that each major average five graduates over a five year period.

"In the past neither environmental science nor geology were passing the state council requirements. We had to combine these two to keep them," Hall said.

Hall added, "I had been hearing from the students that they wanted more attention, and since it is a growing area it will attract other prospective students. So we took advantage of the opportunity."

The 51 environmental science majors currently have no department to call their own, but because of a substantial increase in the number of majors in the past few years, faculty and students pushed to make environmental science a department, rather than just a major.

"The number of environmental science students has sky-rocketed in the last few years. This should facilitate things for the students and make them feel as if they have a home," said Michael Bass, chairperson of the department of biological sciences.

Many current environmental science majors said they welcome the merge.

"I think it's high time they did something for environmental science," said senior environmental science major Sarah Hartman. "We have no professors of our own and we really don't belong anywhere."

Hartman said she thinks that Distinguished Visitor in Residence Stephen Schneider had a large effect on the decision to combine the majors. "Schneider complained to the dean that the school should pay more attention to environmental science. I guess he listened," Hartman said.

The departmental change will not mean a change in curriculum for either major, and there are currently no plans to hire new professors. Most of the effects of the merge will be organizational.

Associate Professors of Geology Grant Woodwell and Robert McConnell will switch from the old chemistry/geology department to the new environmental science/geology department, and both said they are happy with the change.

Bass has been asked to chair the new department, and he would take the position, though he currently is chair of the biological sciences department.

"Everything's still up in the air, but yes, I will be environmental science chair," Bass said.

Raymond Scott, chemistry department chair, said he believes that biology Professor Rosemary Barra will take over as biology department chair.

"Everyone is given the option to be an affiliate member, which means they can participate in planning, advising, etcetera, of another department. Bass could be an affiliate member of the biology department, but it is likely that Dr. Barra will be re-appointed for biology chair," Scott said.

Students and faculty seem happy about the merge, though environmental science classes still lack lab space, work area or computers, which other science majors have.

Environmental science is a trans-disciplinary course of study with only four actual courses.

Plans Still Under Way For Stafford Campus

By Andrea Hatch
Editor-In-Chief

Although a date has not been set, Mary Washington College hopes to open their Stafford County campus soon.

The campus, which will be located on U.S. 17, is around one block from the new Geico Insurance building which is now under construction, said Ray Merchant, executive vice president who is planning the campus.

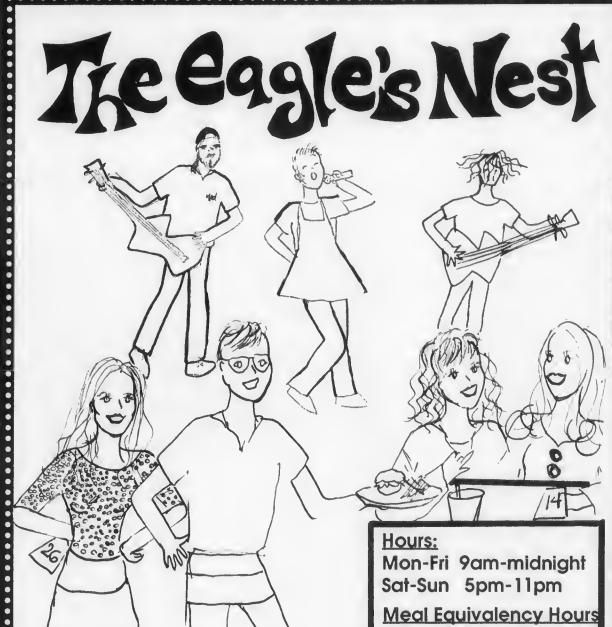
Merchant, who said he expects 1,500 students to enter the college, told the Board of Visitors Thursday that the location is still in the planning stages.

"We need to know what programs to put in place to know what kind of facility we need," he added.

Meta Brumley, director of the Center for Graduate and Continuing Education, said the college is expecting older, commuting people to use the facility.

"Most said they would return to college within two years," she said. She added that most of their interest were in business, education or computer science fields.

Phil Hall, vice president of academic affairs, said the Stafford campus will not offer any introductory classes, only upper level courses.



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Cheers And Jeers

The end of the year is finally here and the *Bullet* staff is more than ready for the summer and an end to early morning paste-and-snooze sessions. We've had an exciting year with former President Bush's visit, the election and our "struggle" to vote, Naomi Wolf and Susan Faludi's visits, the rising action of students to stop racism and to defend our rights as students.

For the coverage of all these events, the *Bullet* has put in a lot of work.

For MWC community residents who don't know each *Bullet* writer spends countless frustrating hours following events and calling sources to put together a news story.

The editors, who work at least 20 hours a week, stay up late every Sunday night editing stories, finishing layout and pasting up the final product. We know the campus police so well because we see them every Sunday night when they come around to inspect the SA offices. They work hard at a thankless task and can only breathe a heavy sigh of relief on Monday night. They will finally be able to live a weekend as being Friday through Sunday rather than Monday through Wednesday. Whew, it's about time!

The editorial staff especially wants to thank our business staff and most importantly, Jenni-

fer Sheffield, our art director—without their work the *Bullet* would not have been produced this year.

With this group effort, the *Bullet* won first place our region which includes North Carolina, Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Virginia in the Society of Professional Journalist college newspaper contest. Janet Marshall, news editor and Andrea Hatch, editor, placed for their stories. Marshall's two stories on sexual assault policies and incidents won first place in two categories. These two entries will go on to nationals in November. Matt DeHouw won second place for editorial cartooning.

The *Bullet* also wants to thank the administration, faculty and students who gave us encouragement and praise. We appreciate the support and hope you keep reading the *Bullet* next year. Thanks to the great *Battlefield* folks who have allowed us (out of the goodness of their tiny little hearts) to use their computers.

It has been a rough year but we've made it, finally. To all those who tried to stop the news from being read, thanks for making us work harder and learn the meaning of journalism. We'll see you next year.

A.H., A.F.

BOV Mystery Brought To Light

Although they are a somewhat mysterious entity to most students, the Board of Visitors certainly do not go unnoticed by the Mary Washington community. Not only do they create the policies that dictate our campus lives, their monthly 'visits' are hard to miss. Their recent visit this weekend seemed to be the most memorable, perhaps because one particular member donated the largest sum of money to the college in its history. The administration not only rolled out the red carpet for this event, they also pulled out the lobster, the black ties and the trolleys.

Yes, our esteemed 'visitors' had trolleys available to transport them down campus walk, complete with bells to announce their arrival. Thank you for the warning, but you can stop tooting your horns, we hear you coming. We can't help it. You control us. But the question is, can you hear us?

The key word here is visitors. They visit this campus occasionally, and can't possibly know what it is like to be a Mary Washington student today. Several members are alumni, but the most recent graduate was in 1970. How can they know how we feel about 24/7 visitation if the boys lived in Charlottesville when they were here? This only makes us wonder what went on in those "parlors" while the housemother wasn't watching. Welcome to the nineties, where the only kind of visitation college

students do not deserve to have is from a group of alienated rich people who don't honestly care about our needs and feelings.

Even though President Anderson emphasized at the B.O.V. meeting that all members receive the *Bullet*, as well as other student-oriented publications, that doesn't necessarily mean they read them. Rumor has it that a certain member admitted this weekend that she has been too busy to read the papers, and therefore was wondering how students feel about the dance major and dorm life. At least Dean Beck knows when the students are upset, even if it takes an afternoon serenade to get the point across.

What more can the students do, if the board is only visiting, and they aren't reading our papers? Would they read their mail if it was from a student? Are personal phone calls the answer? Probably not. It seems to be a no-win situation, unless they start listening.

So, if any of our highest level of bureaucracy is listening, here is our message about how we feel about dorm life. (Feelings about the dance major should go unspoken, because the meeting on Thursday probably had the highest student turnout ever for one of their visits.)

"Mary Washington is a great place to visit, but you really wouldn't want to live there, so we're moving off-campus."

J.G., J.D.

Letters to the Editor

Memory Is Haunted By Tragic Accident

There are two reasons I will never forget the night of Saturday April 10, 1993. First, Class Council did a wonderful job in planning and carrying out the Spring Formal. As a consequence, the dinner and the boat ride will be memorable for the fun I shared with my friends.

Second, I will never forget the four young men (they appeared to be my age, 21) who hit the back of one of the buses carrying Mary Washington College students back from the night's festivities. I will never forget the blood, the smell of vomit, the pain in their eyes, the huge crack in the windshield, the driver's name (Phil) or even the Cheez Wiz that had splattered across the dash and windshield as a result of the impact. I will never, as long as I live, be able to forget sitting in the back seat of the white care holding one of the back seat passenger's hands as he shook from the cold of the night and wind created by the passing cars, telling him to be still and that his buddy was going to be alright.

This event shook me, making me realize my own mortality. It was a damper on what had been a delightful night, yet made me thing the remainder of the bus ride back to school. It was impossible to stop thinking of those men's parents getting a phone call in the middle of the night announcing that their son was at the hospital as a result of a car accident on I-95. I similarly couldn't stop thinking of myself being safely transported in a bus from a night of drinking and partying (being of age, I partook in the services of several bars throughout the night.) This was not the case for the men in the white car. They had no chauffeur for the night, after drinking. This is not to say that the driver was drunk or had even had anything to drink during the night. One of the guys was asked, by an MWC student, if they had been drinking and the answer was yes. The person answering the question did not specify who had been drinking, so to say that the

driver was drunk would perhaps not be entirely correct. Whether or not the driver had been drinking or not makes no difference to me. The fact is that I saw someone who might or might not have been drinking and driving hunched over the steering wheel of a car bleeding profusely from the head and it made me think. It made me think of the nights I should have called a cab myself or should not have gotten into the car with someone who might have been drinking too much.

This experience has made me more aware of the dangers of drinking and driving. It is a shame that I had to experience something like that to become more responsible in my actions. So, I would like to ask all of us to be more careful in our own drinking and to stop for a minute and think of the consequences involved in drinking and driving.

I also want to make a plea to the administration to allow alcohol at dorm parties once again. It's a commonly accepted notion that most of the partying around goes on off-campus. This necessitates a long walk back to campus, often than not, a ride in a car. My point is that it does not have to be that way. If the old policy of allowing consumption of alcohol at dorm parties was restored, students would have a place to have a good time while avoiding the possible dangerous ride home. This is not asking much for gaining, quite possible, a lot. All that would have to be done is to re-establish an old policy. If there were problems with the old policy, then they should be changed. The entire policy should not be discarded because of implementation problems or other problems that could be corrected.

When I got back to campus at 3:15 a.m. Sunday morning I heard someone blame our late arrival on some "stupid" drunk driver. This was my reaction to stories of drunk drivers until what I saw that night. My plan to the administration is that we avoid all of us at MWC seeing this firsthand before we decide to find a way to stop drunk

driving. We already have a means by which we can keep students on-campus while having a good time. Please, make whatever changes necessary to restore alcohol at dorm parties for the purpose of preventing those endless memories for others at Mary Washington.

George Townsend, 94

MWC Students Help Fight Hunger

Mary Washington College students will kick-off this semester's Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week by volunteering at the Food Relief Clearinghouse on Saturday, April 10th. Since the inception of MWC's Community Outreach and Resources Office in 1990, students have volunteered approximately one thousand hours to help fight hunger in our community! MWC is developing a culture of community concern as the students spread their spirit of volunteerism among many local non-profit organizations.

The basis of all these college-community parings is mutual need and benefit: the college enjoys enhanced educational opportunities as students develop skills based on academic knowledge; while the community accesses expertise to solve real social problems. As the administrator of a non-profit organization, I am continually rejuvenated by the students' energy, idealism and the experiences they share in their efforts to help.

Volunteerism works when people in a community join together in a partnership toward creating solutions to community problems. Our food bank has come to rely on MWC students to meet many administrative and service challenges. I encourage organizations to cultivate educational opportunities for students in fields such as business, computer science, environmental science, psychology and sociology. Students provide fresh perspectives to old problems. They are our future community leaders.

Diane E. Kelso, M.S.
Executive Director
Food Relief Clearinghouse

Freshman Bothered By Column, Protest

The protest concerning twenty-four hour visitation led by Chris Wright last week was an embarrassment to the Mary Washington community. The *Bullet* column written by Paul Sargent, Adam Fike and Jeremy Cline is also an embarrassment to the student body. Neither one of them shows any respect for other people at MWC. They both highlight the immaturity of many of the students on this campus and they both made MWC look bad. This bad but true problem of lack of respect and maturity seems to run rampant throughout the MWC community. It is people and events like these that make me ashamed to call MWC home.

There are proper channels through which to get things done. Organiza-

ing a protest at four thirty in the morning to 17 people show up was just plain stupid. There are no faculty around to see the demonstration and you upset the majority NOT involved. Also, by having this "demonstration" you directly go against the administration and its policies. This really makes the school look bad. There are ways to get your point across to the administration at MWC, such as the senate, so that this kind of ridiculous behavior can be avoided. By having such a protest, you show no respect what so ever for the faculty, administration and students at Mary Washington College. You cause embarrassment and harm to the system which DOES work. If changed aren't made, then it is obvious that the older, more experienced and higher educated administration just might know a

little more than Mr. Wright and his 17 followers. Besides, it is they, the administration, who made the policies to begin with and they might have had very good reason. Further insult was caused by making a point that the system was circumvented ("this is NOT SA approved"). Good for all of you who were involved! I hope it looks good on a resume.

As for the matter of 24/7 visitation, just why is it needed? Look at it this way. What are the only two reasons for being able to stay overnight in a college dorm? I can think of only two activities that could be taking place at that time of night: consumption of alcoholic beverages and sex! activity (if you said "studying" as one of your answers, go directly to Trinkle

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6,000 Students Cause Irreparable Damage During Peaceful Earth Day

Bullet Columnists Receive Fan Mail . . . From Both Fans!

By Paul Sargent,
Adam Fike,
Jeremy Cline
Columnists

Well, here it is, our final column. Zip-a-dee-doo-dah. Believe it or not, we actually received some letters responding to our column. Actually, there were just two of them, but fan mail is fan mail. Well, they both weren't exactly fan mail. One didn't even have anything to do with this column, so we'll respond to the other.

Actually we shouldn't call it responding, we'd just like to print good things people besides our mothers have said about us. For example, a "secret admirer" wrote that "your obnoxious, sarcastic comments are just the slap in the face MWC needs to wake this dopey, clueless campus up to what's really going on around here." Thanks for the vote of confidence.

Well, enough tooting our own horns . . . as if they needed tooting in the first place. Since college is a place of higher learning, we'd like to recap things the student body has learned this year.

1. Voting is a good thing. In October, MWC students came out in droves to exercise their right to participate in their own government. We'd just like to applaud everyone's efforts.

2. Anyone can become SA President, just ask Len.

3. The new keg law doesn't work.

4. The administration has a lower intelligence level than the students they administrate.

5. Dean Beck is in cahoots with the communist party.

6. We all had our eyes opened and our horizons broadened, no matter which side of the issue we support. We all benefitted from the Rallis-Stageberg

forum.

7. Dean Lefferts won't rest until everyone moves off campus.

8. The "Bored" of Visitors will never allow the dance department to survive. This will inevitably lead to the demise of all of the arts here at MWC. With minds as closed as theirs, we have to wonder whether they ever were young once. For the record, we think that a strong dance program can only help to enrich the education of students at this college. Let the dance department live.

9. Any three schmucks can get a column in the paper. Before continuing, we would like to thank Steve Boyd, Tom Lipscomb, Mike Owings, and Dave Reiten for helping us finish this column at the last minute. Without their help, there would only be a big white space here.

We'd like to say we're glad to see some justice done in the Rodney King case. We fully expect to see one of our own students receive such a beating for having a party that's too loud by next year's first issue. In the immortal words of The Simpsons' Chief Wickham, "That'll teach them to mess with the awesome power of the law."

There couldn't be a better end to this semester than the riotous events that could surround the upcoming

Screaming Treks concert. Imagine the coverage we could expect.

At Mary Washington College yesterday, 6,000 students from across the state, staggering drunk, caused what some have called the worst damage since the San Francisco earthquake during a concert celebrating Earth Day. Angered by recent administration atrocities surrounding alcohol consumption

and visitation hours, the students ravaged all administration buildings.

Although no complete estimation of damage is available at this time, MWC police chief Ankney reported that "I'm outraged they could do this in light of our superior firepower." Sparked by an accidental noise, reportedly firecrackers lit by Will Shelburne, officer Knick fired repeatedly into the crowd, wounding

several visiting UVA students dressed in J. Crew button-downs and Duck Head shorts (oh, dam).

Officer Knick reported that "I was only acting under orders. It is a well-known college policy that students are not allowed to have fun on campus. This is a policy that is supported by all the members of the present regime. I regret nothing."

Reportedly the new \$22,000 police cruiser was destroyed in the riot, more on the basis of principle than violence. Sources report that officer Knick was

seen crying when he saw the rubble of the \$500 donut dispenser that had been specially made for this new cruiser.

OK, enough of that. Rumors tell us that Dean Lefferts will be throwing an alcohol-free party at his house on April 20th, celebrating the birthday of his personal mentor, Adolf Hitler. All students wearing swastikas will be admitted free of charge.

Also, President Bill Anderson reportedly had an idea of his own this week. Congratulations.

If you made it down to Franklin Street this Saturday, you saw an example of the perfect party. Lots of alcohol, lots of happy people, and a total lack of law enforcement authorities. No one was hurt and everyone had a good time. We wish they were all like this.

We must now bid a teary-eyed farewell to our loyal readers. Both of you. Paul won't be with us next year, he's moving on to bigger and better things as an MWC graduate ("Will that be paper or plastic?"). Jeremy and Adam will be returning, but who knows if the *Bullet* will allow them to continue writing The Column. Let's just hope it works out for the best.

Congratulations to all graduates. To those of you who are returning, have a great summer. We can't wait to see you again next year when our heroes slay the dragon, rescue the princess, and live happily ever after. Bye!

(Help! We're being held captive in the *Bullet* office. Call a campus cop. Call a Wackenaut. Call a real cop. Call anybody. Just rescue us, they're making us read stupid letters to the editor and think up captions for the pictures. We can't stand it!)

Mr. Sargent is a Senior history major and editor of the Battlefield. Mr. Fike and Mr. Cline are freshmen. Sargent, Fike and Cline are weekly columnists for the *Bullet*.



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MWC Students Said To Be Unable To Handle 24/7 Visitation

By David Clayton
Columnist

Kevin Mannix, president of the student body of the University of Virginia, wrote in a letter to the *Bullet* that UVa's visitation policy is, not surprisingly, much more liberal than Mary Washington's. Mannix said that UVa students "can set their own visitation hours and rules, 24 hours, seven days." What may be surprising is that this letter appeared in the *Bullet* in 1971.

It shouldn't be surprising, however. I have thoroughly researched the history of the fight for 24/7, and am amazed by some of what I found. Check out the Bateman Resolution and the 1979 and 1983 entries. If anyone is interested in hearing more, please call me.

According to Martin Wilder, dean of admissions, MWC competes for students with the other selective, state supported schools: UVa, William & Mary, and James Madison. Neither UVa nor W&M have any institutional restrictions on visitation, and JMU doesn't try to enforce theirs. But our administrators feel that MWC students are not assertive enough to handle 24/7 visitation.

Since all four of these schools compete for the same students, isn't it strange that our administrators are the only ones who believe their students can't handle 24-hour visitation?

"I have always said that we have one of the best student bodies in the nation," President Anderson has said this, or something like it, to me, to my RA staff, and probably to any other group of students, parents or prospective students he has spoken to lately. Yet his administration is the only one of the four that believes that this group of students who he competes so vigorously for cannot be assertive when it comes to their own rights. How then can he say that he believes our student body is better, or as good as, Virginia's other selective public schools, let alone institutions around the country?

There has never been a restriction on same sex guests. But there has always been some level of restriction on opposite sex visitation. The reason that same sex guests are not restricted, I was told last semester, is because visitation is defined as visits by members of the opposite sex. In other words, it's that way because it is.

And the reason for this disparity is because visitation was developed as a morality rule. Is there any other

legitimate justification for the disparity except that the heterosexual majority has sex with members of the opposite sex? It must not have occurred to administrators and Board Of Visitors members in the early 1970's that women could have sex with women.

The administration kept away from the morality aspect as much as possible, realizing that it couldn't hold water. People have sex at all times, not just at night. The main concern expressed in the 1970's and 1980's was safety. The fact that almost all residence halls are coed makes this concern invalid; both men and women are allowed to enter almost all residence halls at all times, and the fact that the doors are locked whenever a desk aide is not on duty makes the buildings as secure as possible, and makes MWC one of the most secure campuses in the state.

Today, protection of non-assertive students' rights is the justification for restricting visitation. Students who are not assertive may find it difficult to stand up for their rights when it comes to opposite sex visitors. However, they may also find it difficult to stand up for their rights on weekdays or on weekend nights. The only ways to truly protect these students is to either further restrict visitation (and other activities that may infringe on roommates' rights, such as stereo playing), or to help students become more assertive.

The administration sees non-assertiveness as a reason for restricting visitation, but not as a problem worth serious attention. When the FIPSE grant for Community Standards ran out after two years, the administration discontinued the assertiveness, communication and ethical decision making sessions that freshmen were required to attend. The new Freshman Seminar program does not necessarily include assertiveness training.

So non-assertiveness is a problem that may have a negative effect on students' grades, and therefore students must be protected, but it is not a big enough problem that the administration should work to improve students' assertiveness, so that they are better able to stand up for themselves later in life?

I certainly hope this is not the case. However, if the administration truly sees nonassertiveness as a problem, it should make a conscious effort to improve assertiveness among students. It should not, instead, wait for students to demand such training. Nonassertive students would never do this, anyway.

David Clayton is a Senior economics and english major and the head resident of South Hall.

LETTERS

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Hall, do not pass "Go"...) Both of these activities are illegal in the Commonwealth of Virginia, unless you are twenty-one (concerning drinking) or you are married (concerning sex). Many, if not most of the people on this campus do not fit into either category. End of discussion on 24/7 visitation.

Secondly, my apologies to Dean Beck on behalf of the three students who so affectionately called you a communist, they obviously know no respect. My apologies as well on behalf of Chris Wright, he too knows no respect. This is a memo for everyone on campus but especially for those involved in the protest and the "communist" column: You pay for the privilege of coming to Mary Washington College to learn and grow as a person. Because it is a privilege, you should feel obligated to follow all the rules of MWC, good or bad. If you'd like something changed, work within the system, there are provisions made for change.

GROW UP!! By protesting and bad-mouthing the administration you show no respect for each other, no respect for your elders and you are not learning to be grown-ups. Grown-ups don't act that way (do you feel like I'm talking down to you? Good!) Basically, you look like a bunch of food "adults" everywhere. Take a look at yourselves! You're 3,000 beer-guzzling sex maniacs regressing back into adolescence! College is said to be (only by the most immature students) the "real world"

(compared to high school I guess). Who are you kidding? If any one of you was forced into the "real" world you wouldn't last one week. You really think that you can be dead drunk four nights a week and hold down a job and be responsible for a family? Do you think anyone would hire Chris Wright looking the way he does? I sure couldn't and wouldn't. Have some respect for your parents, get something out of school besides a BAC. Have some respect for yourselves, help yourselves get ready for life. Who gets all the good jobs? The "nerds" and the "geeks" get them, not the "cool" people or the "party animals." Be involved but don't be a fool. These rallies (for whatever) may be nostalgic, but in the end they serve no purpose but to make everyone look bad and bad things happen. Ask the people at Kent State.

My point is this: would you protest at home or at a job just because you don't like the policies? No, you wouldn't. Would you call your mother or boss a communist just because you didn't get what you wanted? No, you wouldn't. Just because you are in college doesn't mean that all the rules and respect you were taught no longer apply. This is not an "anything goes" situation, as a group let's grow up and realize who and what is important. Because if you don't you're wasting a lot more than tuition money and time.

It's a shame that we have to have people like those previously

mentioned standing up and making fools of themselves and us. Just remember, when people visit MWC this week, what will they see? Those students working hard to get a 4.0 and a good job? Nope. They'll see Mr. Wright's ugly mug spread across the front page of the *Bullet* with a story about a student protest. Is this representative of MWC? I hope not, or else I wouldn't have come here. But how are potential students to know? If we are all mature adults, perhaps we'll look better as a student body. For the time being, I'm an embarrassed Eagle.

Gene C. Papetti, '96

Ode to Religious Diversity

I see through you or maybe you see through me. What can we do to end this insanity? What's right to you is wrong to me; it's true we don't agree, but until then we'll never be free. It matters not who's wrong or right, but that an end is put to this futile fight. So please stop trying to "save me" and let me and my religion be. You have every right to pray religiously, but please, for Harmony's sake, do it quietly.

Jamie Wasserman, '96

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Suzanne Horsley is the current director of communications for the Cap and Gown chapter of the mortar board.

Spring Is In The Air-- Diversions Keep Students From Studies

By Aurealia Nelson
Columnist

Mother nature hath bared her womb and birthed spring. The snow has finally melted away and revealed the mud of creation. Spring break has finally ended and the stress and turmoil of midterms and papers soon due are momentarily over.

Buried within textbooks--amid a shower of paper--it seems almost evident now that spring break is over. Soon the tan lines and temporary tattoos will fade away and all the roadtrippers and Bacchus students alike will be students again. A slave to the confines of time and place and study.

But what did we learn from this illustrious mode of "lapsed diversion? A respect for home, a disdain for college-life or a new way to revel that consists of a funnel and a garden hose.

No matter, for the mind awakens itself, shrugs the dust and alcohol off and falls into the old mode of opperendum, the day-in-day-out brainwash of similarity. It's a shame that it's so quickly gone. The sands of time

drained away as the tide washed over the beach shore. New revelations and new thoughts invade the mind, sometimes like a poison, eating away the things that were important, good and true. The spring fades away to perpetual winter.

And spring, the newness of creation, unveils itself over and over to me blind eyes, deaf ears and dormant senses. Yet the senses are spring's first targets.

But many of us, in this case are ignorant. Do studies dull the brain? No, they should enhance as flowers enhance the world, as a tree enhances the landscape.

Yet, no one seems to notice or to see the real beauty. Only artifice. Beauty becomes a distracting god with a lot of trafficking in silliness. The more showy, the more elaborate, the more ornate, the more it catches the vain and glorious eye.

The beauty within the tree, the way the limbs entangle and twist, the way the trunk gnarls, is all lost to modern convention. Nature, and its maker, must be very pissed off at this.

Aurealia Nelson is a Senior.

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Coming Out OK: A Gay RA And 14 Freshman Residents

By Adam Fiske
Bullet Staff Writer

A sign on the door to Russell freshman first north that week had said, "Hall meeting - 10 p.m. - very important. Be there."

For Resident Assistant Jason Bryan this was to be the most important hall meeting ever, more important than his residents knew, as the other RAs from the dorms pointed to the first north lobby in a show of support.

On that night, March 29, after a semester and a half of getting to know his residents and becoming their friend, Bryan told them for the first time that he is gay.

"I've known pretty much all my life that I was gay, and I just this year decided to come out [of the closet] with friends," Bryan told his hall at the meeting. "Generally I wanted everyone to know the truth," he said. "I've come to know these guys really well and have made some good friendships here."

Unanimously, Bryan's residents have supported him, at least on a personal level, even if they do not agree with his practices. Most point out that Bryan is still the same person they knew before, he does not act differently, and he is still their friend.

"You can disapprove of someone's lifestyle and disapprove of what they do and still be friends with them," said Jim King, a resident on Bryan's hall. "I am not afraid of him because he is homosexual. I just disagree with his way of life."

At the conclusion of the March 29 meeting, Bryan was met with both handshakes and hugs from residents who wanted to show their support.

"Getting the response I have gotten, especially from my hall this week has been really such a lift," Bryan said. "The night of the hall meeting they asked questions said that they still are my friends and that it didn't bother them or scare them away."

However, for many reasons it was important for Bryan to first gain his hall's friendship before allowing them to know his secret.

Russell first north is a "guys' halls' guys' hall." Here, political correctness is a foreign concept, the humor is obnoxious and even base, and the housekeepers complain constantly about broken furniture and nude pictures on the bulletin board.

Most of all, though, the residents are close, spending many hours talking, joking and just living together on the hall. Often, late into the night, people are up arguing about issues. Even before Bryan's announcement, such debates often turned to a discussion about homosexuality, which were at times negative in both humor and opinion.

"All through the year we have had really heated discussions about gays and whether it was right or wrong and why," said Joe Del Buono, a hall resident. "Some of it was pretty sarcastic but some of it was really serious."

These arguments tended to be from an abstract point of view; none of the participants in the debates knew any homosexuals, or at least they did not think they knew any. Bryan said he felt that getting to know his residents first before telling them about his sexuality helped to gain their support.

"Some people have been very anti-gay and generally homophobic, but I still thought that in my case I had earned their respect and hopefully their friendship so that they could see through something like sexuality," Bryan said.

However, despite their support of Bryan in his decision to come out, most first north residents are also in agreement that if he had come out earlier in the year before they had gotten a chance to know him, their reactions would have been much different.

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Above: Jason Bryan, RA in Russell. Right: The cast of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," the play Bryan directed and produced.



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The new CD Jungle, located by the 7-Eleven on Jefferson Davis Highway.

Paradise Found CD Jungle Changes Ownership And Location

By Heather Blake
Bullet Staff Writer

The sign is the same, but everything else has changed. Another CD Jungle has appeared on the music scene in Fredericksburg.

Jim Stiffler and Roger Wazan are the owners of the latest and only used CD store in the Fredericksburg area. They bought the name of their store from Chris Dowling, owner of the original and now defunct CD Jungle which was located off of Caroline Street.

Some students said they are hopeful about the new store. "With luck it will fill the gap in the alternative music selection left by the closing of the original CD Jungle," said freshman Brian Hollingsworth.

Hollingsworth said music stores in malls attempt to satisfy a great number of musical tastes, limiting the stores' ability to specialize in alternative college music.

"It would be nice to walk into a store and not have to spend hours looking through the popular section to find some of the obscure sounds that other stores may have placed in their own category," said Hollingsworth.

However reviews on the new

store are mixed. "Stiffler doesn't have any stuff yet," said senior Chris Wright. "He got some CDs from Chris Dowling [former owner of CD Jungle], very few - 20 or 30 - and the name of the store. Basically he got all of the CDs nobody wanted. As soon as he gets CDs he should do fairly well because the store is a lot closer to the college than the old CD Jungle."

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Jennings said he thinks the stores are already helping each other.

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Saving Lives Or Preserving Rights?

Abortion Remains Touchy Subject On Both Sides Of Issue

By Joelle Mickelsen
Bullet Staff Writer

Abortion is one of the most hotly debated issues in the country. With the murder of the abortion clinic doctor by a pro-life activist in Florida last March, the issue has been thrust into the national spotlight once again. Even though the laws which govern our lives are

made less than 60 miles from Mary Washington College, the political fray surrounding the abortion issue still seems remote to many students. How-

ever, for Anne, the law giving women

the right to have an abortion is a very important one.

At 18, Anne was pregnant for a second time. She got pregnant the first time when she was 16 and had given the baby up for adoption. When she got pregnant two years later, she panicked. "I felt like I should have known better," Anne said.

In her desperation, Anne did not even consider having the baby. "I knew that if I made the decision to go full term it would be a mistake," said Anne. "The baby's father did not care one way or another if I had an abortion or not," Anne said.

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MWC Health Center, students can get pregnancy tests for three dollars.

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but we hope that it's not the last."

Students For Life also hope that abortion will not be the first and last option that a pregnant woman considers. Club Librarian Tracy Rizzo said, "We believe that abortion is wrong. We'd like to change people's hearts [about having an abortion]."

Recently those same pro-life advocates who would like to change the hearts of Americans against abortion have found themselves getting a bad reputation. With the murder of an abortion doctor by a self-professed pro-life advocate the pro-life crusade has left a bad taste in the mouths of Americans.

MWC Students For Life do not agree with the violence tactics.

"What started out as a movement for love has turned into a movement of hatred," said Mike Gilbsch, club treasurer. "People are angry and frustrated."

The tension among Americans over the issue and a pro-choice government have left pro-lifers pessimistic about the future.

"The political climate feels hopeless right now," said Nicole LeMieux, club secretary.

Both sides of the issue feel angry. Deirdre O'Leary, co-chairperson for Students For Choice, said, "Being pro-choice is saying that women are mature and capable enough to make

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Experience In Russia Baffles American Tourist

Perspective
By Steven Nelson

The clock outside the Moskovsky Vokzal train station in St. Petersburg read 3 a.m., and I stood immobile. The bone-cold chill of a Russian December was still piercing my body, but I didn't feel it anymore. Igor, my rather macho Russian pal, had tears in his eyes. No more than 20 feet away from where we were standing, a Russian militia member, a cop, was mercilessly beating and kicking an unarmed citizen.

"Look at this," Igor pleaded to me. "I want you to see the things that go on in Russia."

I witnessed the entire scene with a mixture of helplessness and dread and wondered how I, an American college student, managed to find myself in such a situation.

I met Igor in a downtown bar the night before. Seven years ago, he married an American exchanged student who went to St. Petersburg who graduated from, of all places, Mary Washington College. Igor became a naturalized American citizen and settled down in Vienna. But Igor missed his home and family, so he returned to Russia last year.

Igor and I shared a few shots of vodka in friendship after we found out that we had so much in common. We stuck together for the next two days, as Igor showed me a side of Russia that no tourists ever

see. That night, though, I was ready for our revelry to come to an end by the time we reached Moskovsky Vokzal. I wasn't even sure why we went there. Despite the late time, there were still two dozen people hanging around the train tracks, including the poor fellow who was beaten.

"What did he do to the cop?" I asked Igor.

"Probably nothing," Igor responded, his voice bitter. "Maybe at worst he made some drunken remark. Nothing to deserve this."

I could believe him, too, as the cop

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decisions regarding their own bodies, and no one has the right to tell any woman what she can or cannot do with her own body."

Pro-choice advocates feel that changing what is in the hearts of Americans is a religious issue that has no relevance in the political arena. "The question is not when life began because that is a religious question," said Tina VanPuybroeck, co-chairperson for Students For Choice. "The question is what would it do to women if [abortion] were illegal." O'Leary feels that women should have the right to a safe and legal abortion. Since Students For Life

believe that a woman's body is her own, they also believe that, as O'Leary said, "[Having an abortion] is an extremely personal, moral and ethical decision. No one can understand what it is like to be in that position until they are in that position."

The time-honored pro-life argument is that abortion is not a choice, it is a life. However, for women who find themselves in positions like Anne's, the only solution seems like abortion. The issue could go around in a circular argument indefinitely, but, as Gilsbach said, "It's about people."

O'Leary said that women

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small collection of CDs, only about 400, but Stiffler said, "The store is growing daily. We started fresh - bought 300 discs." Stiffler said he believes the business is increasing slowly as people trade in.

However, spokespersons for Sam Goody and Musicland, two prominent music stores located in Spotsylvania mall, believe that the new music store will not hurt their businesses.

"I never even noticed there was a new store," said Sam Goody's manager, Wendy Wine. "I don't think they affect the business any."

Elmon Duff, the manager of Musicland, said, "Actually we've been really busy. We haven't had any less business because of the CD Jungle."

The current CD Jungle has been in business for a little over a month. Stiffler said the store has a modern edge. "[The store will stock] mostly progressive stuff because that's what I listen to, but we can get anything anyone wants," he said. However, the store requires a 50 percent deposit for orders.

Wine said that Sam Goody will import some selections but will refer customers to the CD Jungle for the more obscure titles. Duff said Musicland simply does not in

imports.

The CD Jungle has a selection of discs with minor imperfections which sell for \$5.95. "They are guaranteed, and none have been returned," said Stiffler.

The progressive sound that Stiffler stocks in new, used and damaged discs includes artists such as the Spin Doctors, Pearl Jam, Enya and the Lemonheads. Flipping through discs one might also discover Garth Brooks, Aerosmith and Jimi Hendrix.

Stiffler said he feels his customers are getting a good deal. He said, "I've been told it's \$1 to \$3 cheaper than the malls."

At CD Jungle, prices range from \$3.99 to \$19.99 for CDs and \$15.00 to \$39.00 for box sets. While the prices at the mall stores range from \$13.00 to \$17.00 at Musicland to \$15.99 and below at Sam Goody.

SAE co-chair Johnathan Pack said he liked the prices at the new CD Jungle. "We needed a store that catered to the college students budgets. [Stiffler] gives a reasonable price for those who want to sell their used CDs and is a good buy for those who want to add to their collection."

CD Jungle is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

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himself become friends with Bryan. "It isn't that I am comfortable with that, it's just the way I am. I wouldn't have been mean to him, I just wouldn't let myself get into a position of being friends," Britton said.

Leigh Guthrie, resident director of Russell Hall, viewed Bryan's coming out as a strengthening for both Bryan and his hallmates.

"Some of them are challenging their views that they have had because they do consider Jason a friend," Guthrie said. "Even if they think that being gay is such a bad thing, they can't think it if a friend is gay."

He now makes no secret of his homosexuality and publicly came out to the campus at the April 1 forum on homosexuality, equality and morality.

Bryan, who produced and directed his own version of "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream" this semester, will be a resident assistant on the first floor of Marshall, an upperclass dorm, next year. Bryan said he realizes that

"As any person, homosexual or heterosexual, you see other people, and yes, they may be attractive, but I would never [make a pass at a resident]. I think it would be offensive."

- sophomore Jason Bryan,
RA in Russell Hall

some of his residents next year may be uncomfortable.

"Next year it is going to be different," he said. "I don't think I will announce it at a hall meeting, but it isn't going to be a hidden thing."

Bryan said he wants his residents next year to be able to talk to him and give him a chance as a person and a friend.

Guthrie said she does not think Bryan would face any less obstacles if he were still in the closet. She said she thought Bryan is better able to handle

any obstacles he may face because he is at ease with himself and in a good state of mind.

One fear that some residents may have is that Bryan, being homosexual, would be attracted to one of them.

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To Bryan, his current hall is proof that there need be no conflicts between RA and residents.

Bryan said at the March 29 hall meeting that a discussion with Del Buono convinced him to address his residents.

Del Buono said, "I like [Bryan] a lot because I know him and he is a great guy, but if I hadn't known him [before he came out] I would have looked at him differently. Even though he has come out of the closet and I still like him, I still think [homosexuality] is wrong."

"In high school I didn't think anyone was gay and we all called them nasty names," Del Buono said. "In college you're next-door neighbor or your roommate can be a homosexual, so you have to watch what you say. I'm starting to get to the point where people can do what ever they want, as long as they don't bother me."

Bryan said, "I think this is 14 homophobic freshmen and a gay RA that have found that their friendships mean a lot more than what someone's sexual preferences are."

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who administered the beating looked no better than a common thug who relished his position of power over another human being.

"These are my countrymen, my people," Igor said through his tears, "and I can do nothing to help them."

One brave man did in fact come to the guy's defense, only to quietly back off after being threatened with a similar beating. I averted my eyes as the cop led the unlucky fellow past us and toward the other side of the train tracks.

"No," Igor commanded to me. "I want you to see this. I want you to tell

what you saw when you return to America. The one thing you are allowed to do is watch."

Only then did I notice that most of the people lingering around the tracks took no notice of the incident. Helpless like Igor and myself, they simply ignored what was going on.

And the entire time this person got his brain bashed, only a few feet away a couple of girls danced blissfully to music coming out of their portable tape player.

I felt relieved not to have to see any more of this sad incident. But

suddenly the fellow broke loose from the cop and ran, limping and with blood dripping from his mouth, back

into the main area where we were. The cop must have radioed someone at that point, because immediately no less than four militia flew out from their station and descended upon the poor guy like hungry predators. Then the main cop swaggered back into view and took a few more potshots at his captive.

The scene became more grotesque and I couldn't believe that five cops were used to brutally abuse this skinny, helpless man. Finally they all literally dragged him off to thrash him somewhere in private.

The whole affair was incredulous to me. Just last semester in Dr. Kramer's class, I studied and wrote papers about the Stalinist system of terror and its lingering effects on Russian society.

But reading about the system and witnessing the actual manifestation of it right in front of me were two completely different things. I don't think any amount of studying could have prepared me for it, either. That

night, I think I truly realized the difficulties that Russia faces as it tries to reform its present way of life.

But I hadn't seen everything yet. Quite a few minutes later, the first cop brought the battered fellow back out to where we were standing, and then led him to some secluded area still within sight. The two looked as if they were negotiating about something.

"Do you know why he has not been handcuffed or thrown in jail?" Igor asked me with cold strangeness.

Indeed, 45 minutes had passed since the initial incident, and I did think it was odd that neither had occurred yet.

"They need for him to have a free hand," Igor explained to me, "so he can sign a will giving everything he owns over to that cop. After that, they can do anything they want to him. Probably they will kill him."

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Sports

Baseball Captures 2nd Straight CAC Title

By Bob Sihler
Bullet Staff Writer

Despite wet fields due to a rainy Friday, the Mary Washington College baseball team won the Capital Athletic Conference championships last Saturday. In a crushing 6-1 victory over York, the Eagles players produced four runs in the first inning, enough for the York pitcher to be pulled before registering a single out.

"We jumped on him fast and the game was basically ours from there," said senior pitcher Tim Rice.

Things did not go so easily earlier in the day when the Eagles beat St. Mary's 7-6, qualifying them for the championship game. Hitting was sporadic and errors lurked, but pitcher Alan Hall held on long enough for the batters to connect enough times for the victory.

The team's record now stands at 18-3. On April 13, the Eagles lost to Hampden-Sydney, which ended a 14 game winning streak. The Eagles still have games against nationally ranked

teams like Ferrum, Methodist and North Carolina Wesleyan.

"In the past we've always had close games but lost nonetheless," said Rice. "This year, if we keep playing the way we have been, we could win."

What he refers to is the excellent season the Eagles are having. Many starters were named to the first team All-Conference, and the others made second team.

Coach Tom Sheridan was selected as Coach of the Year, and senior outfielder Don Purcell, who has been scouted by some major league teams, was honored with the honor of CAC Player of the Year. Purcell was an All-American last year.

The Eagles have been hitting exceedingly well this year. Hitting was expected to be a trouble area, but it has turned out to be one of the strongest ones.

"The guys at the bottom of the order are hitting as well as those at the top, and when that happens you tend to win games," said Rice.



Junior Brian Stigall is greeted by teammates as he crosses home plate in one of this weekend's games.

Photo Art Speyer

Tennis Teams Win 3rd Straight CAC Title

By Bryan Tucker
Bullet Staff Writer

This past weekend was a big one for Mary Washington College tennis as both the men's and women's teams captured their third straight Capital Athletic Conference Championships.

The men's team had five singles players in the finals and came away with four individual champions. Number two seed Matt Bolen won 6-1, 6-0, number three Steve Paskiewicz won 6-3, 6-4, number five Chip Goodman won 6-2, 6-1 and number six Matt Strickler won 6-1, 6-1.

The women placed all six of their singles players in the finals and came away with five titles. Number two Laura Graham won 6-0, 6-0, number three Beth Todd won 6-0, 6-2, number four Pia Holm won 7-5, 6-4, number five Anna Jackson won 6-0, 6-0 and the number six seed Tricia Whitefield won 6-3, 6-0.

"We've been working hard all year," said Leslie Roland, the number one seed on the women's team. "It's been a step by step process and today's win was the final step on the way to nationals."

For the men's team, the CAC Championship just adds to the number of titles the team has achieved this season. On March 20-21, they won the Virginia Intercollegiate Tennis Association Tournament at Newport News. Paskiewicz, number four seed Garrett Moyer, Goodman and Strickler all won state singles titles.

"Winning conference and state championships allows us to meet goals we set for ourselves," said Roy Gordon, coach of the men's tennis team.

"We're ready to go for a national championship," said Holm. Staff Writer David Carey contributed to this article.



Photo Art Speyer

Sports Briefs

Track Wins

MWC's men's track team captured their first ever CAC Title on Tuesday, April 13.

Lacrosse Loses

MWC's women's lacrosse team fell to 4-8 on the season with a 9-11 loss to Lynchburg College, who out shot the Eagles 31-27.

Baseball Game

The Eagles will play a makeup game on Wednesday, April 21 against North Carolina Wesleyan. Both teams made it to the national tournament last season.

CAC Champions

The following teams from the spring season won CAC Championships: softball, baseball, men's tennis, women's tennis and men's track. The men's lacrosse team has a chance to, they only need a victory on Tuesday, April 20 against the visiting St. Mary's Seahawks, who defeated the Eagles last season.

Awards Banquet

MWC's annual sports awards banquet will be held on Thursday, April 22.

Rugby Finishes Season

The Eagles' rugby team finished the season with a victory against Lynchburg on Saturday, April 10. The Eagles finished the year with another winning record.

Soccer Opener

MWC's men's soccer team home opener will be on September 8 at the Battleground against Randolph-Macon College, who the Eagles defeated last season in the VISA finals.

The Eagles will have many faces replace due to the loss of many players to graduation. Tony Trepal, Terry Murphy, Dodd Terry, Jakob Kramer and Ross Ramsey are all will all be gone.

Eagle Coach

Senior Ross Ramsey, a member of the men's soccer team the last four years, is the varsity soccer coach at King George High School.

Three's A Charm For MWC Softball

By Allison Murdock
Bullet Staff Writer

The Mary Washington College women's softball team captured its third straight Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Championship title by shutting out Catholic University in the final game (7-0).

Other teams involved in the tournament were York College and Gallaudet University.

Catholic University defeated Gallaudet University in the first game (7-6) and MWC beat York College in the second

game (8-1). With these wins, Catholic and MWC played in the final game for the CAC crown. MWC would be victorious and made eight runs to Catholic's zero.

"I never expected a blow out," said softball Coach Dee Conway. "However, I expected to play well."

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Lacrosse In CAC Championship

Nick Hamner (above) will be one of the many Eagles players counted on to come up big as the Eagles host CAC rival St. Mary's on Tuesday, April 20 at 3:30 p.m. A win will give MWC their first ever championship.

On April 17, the Eagles improved to 9-3 overall with a 14-9 win over Dickinson College. Freshman Bill McLean scored six goals.

Tuesday will be the final game in a season that saw the Eagles win the most games in school history.



Photo Art Speyer

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Conway says that the Eagles played well because of both good defense and good pitching.

She added that the Eagles usually succeed when they play well in three different areas. These areas that worked well for the Eagles against Catholic were pitching, fielding, and hitting.

In the beginning of the season, the Eagles were having some problems with hitting mainly due to lack of confidence.

However, Conway feels their hitting has improved.

"Hitting has finally come around," said junior catcher Amy Umberger. "We stayed in the whole ballgame."

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The highlight of the game was a two-run homerun made by Umberger in the fifth inning. Mel Haynie would lead scoring against York with two of the eight runs.

The Eagles came out strong in the game against Catholic University by scoring four runs in the first inning. Freshman Tasha Stancill was the number one score for the Eagles with a total of three runs. Sophomore Tasha Thomas pitched all seven innings and only gave up two hits.

With this victory at CAC's, the Eagles are one step closer to the NCAA Division III Tournament or the ECAC Tournament (Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference).

"Making NCAA's is a long shot but still in the picture," said Conway. "ECAC's look good if we keep playing well."

Umberger added that the Eagles should find out about NCAA's and ECAC's in the beginning of May. She added that the Eagles have a disadvantage in trying to make one of the tournaments because of 16 rain outs. Therefore, the Eagles record does not look as impressive as some other teams.

The Eagles only have two regular season games left with one today against Christopher Newport University at Virginia Wesleyan College.

Entertainment

Earth Day At MWC

Activities Offer Environmental Information

By Adam Owings
Bullet Staff Writer

While everyday should be Earth Day, it's not everyday that Mary Washington College hosts guest environmental speakers, environmental information booths and Screaming Trees.

On Wednesday, April 21, Student Association Entertainment (SAE) and the Wildlife Action Club are teaming up with other clubs on campus to make this an informative Earth Day.

"Earth Day is to educate people about anything earth-related. There is always something to be done to save the earth," said Lowell Whitney, co-chair of the Wildlife Action Club (WAC). "Earth Day builds an appreciation for something people take for granted everyday."

Various student clubs, including the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Student Association, Campus Christian Community, the Trek Club, the Asian Student Association, Alpha Phi Sigma and the National Organization for Women, will have information booths set up in Ball Circle providing Earth Day-related information, according to Whitney.

National and international organizations will also be represented at the Earth Day festival. Such groups include the World Wildlife Federation, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and the Cousteau Society.



Globe

zations and vendors will be under tents so the festival will continue in case it rains, he added.

The bands Pond, Poster Children and Screaming Trees will perform free shows in Ball Circle between 3:35 and 6:00 p.m.

"Hopefully the bands will draw lots of people to hear Herbst and Freeman speak," said Roy Speckhardt, co-chair

of WAC.

WAC has arranged for two speakers to discuss the environment between band sets. Ted Freeman, a spokesperson for the Sierra Club, will address Global Warming and Bob Herbst, former Secretary of the Interior under former president Jimmy Carter, will speak about environmental education.

"If you don't come you're a fool. You've got three great bands and two great speakers. All three bands are amazing and both opening bands have the potential to be as big as Screaming Trees," said Eric Axelson, co-chair of SAE.

There is also an acoustic concert in the Under-ground between 7 and 11 p.m. Locals like Sean Dargan, Scott McKnight and "Ien and Liz" will perform.

Axelson speculates as many as 1,500 people will attend the campus festival. Cedric Rucker, assistant dean for student activities, has limited the festival's publicity to the campus in an effort to insure security.

This is the third Earth Day at MWC in four years, according to Rucker. SAE and WAC are hoping to make this year's festival the best yet at MWC, said Whitney.

"People will hear good music, learn ways to save the Earth and hopefully have fun," said Whitney.



The Screaming Trees are part of the 1993 Earth Day Celebration at Mary Washington College. Two other bands will be featured, Pond and Poster Children. There will also be environmental speakers, vendors and information booths.

The Screaming Trees Rock Ball Circle

By Adam Owings
Bullet Staff Writer

While enjoying the Earth Day festival at MWC, be sure to keep your ears open for Screaming Trees. No, they're not a group of over zealous arboreal crusaders who like to yell, but a band from Seattle, Wash.

SAE, in conjunction with Student Association, are bringing Screaming Trees to campus.

"We decided we'd like to have a free, outdoor show toward the end of the semester, so we did. When we crank it up it's going to be very loud. We're expecting

a large turnout from the college," said Phil Stoneman, SAE co-chair.

"It just so happens that Screaming Trees could only play during the week and that Earth Day will be during the week. SAE and WAC agreed on Wednesday, so it worked out well for everybody," added Eric Axelson, co-chair of SAE.

Screaming Trees may sound familiar because of their song "Nearly Lost You" from the movie "Singles" soundtrack. Currently on the Epic label, the Trees have produced six LPs since 1986, including their most recent release "Sweet Oblivion."

The October 9, 1992 issue of "Entertainment Weekly" describes

the Trees as "... more a classic rock band, with traces of Neil Young, '70s Southern rock, psychedelic pop, and garage punk, yet with their own flair."

The four-man band is comprised of Mark Lanegan, the lead vocalist, Barrett Martin, drums, and brothers Gary Lee Conner, guitar, and Van Conner, bass.

"I don't want to limit anyone by my interpretation of a song. What I get out of a song may not be exactly what the writer intended, if in fact the writer intended anything at all. I'll put my trust in the listener's imagination," said Lanegan.

Seniors Get Ready To Say Good-Bye To Mary Wash

By Michell Smith
Bullet Staff Writer

It's almost over. One more week of classes, six days for exams and they are out of here. It is a day every college student can't wait for — graduation. During that week, referred to as "Dead Week," the seniors will be able to sit back, relax and enjoy the activities.

"I'm ready to be finished. I'm not motivated to study any longer," said senior Tracy Young.

May 3 marks the beginning of Senior Week. Some seniors will use the week to sleep, while others will use that time to play volleyball. Yet some others will spend a few days enjoying the water or soaking up the sun.

Nags Head, N.C. seems to be the hot spot. "Seven girls and I are going to get together and go down there for a few days. We hope to hang out with other MWC students and get a tan," said Young.

For those who aren't making the trip to Nags Head, Wednesday night is pizza night in the Eagle's Nest. On that day, seniors can eat all the pizza they want and purchase their own beer.

"I'm so excited about senior week. I plan to participate in every event they offer," said Timothy Landis an American Studies major.

Senior women are shopping around for formal gowns while the men rent their tuxedos for Graduation Ball on March 6 in the Lee Hall Ballroom. Tickets are \$25 per couple and will go on sale during the last week of classes and at the door. Young went last year with her boyfriend who was then a graduating senior.

"This time it's going to be focused around me and my friends," said Young. "Last year the last dance was him and now this time it will be mine."

On Friday May 7, the seniors will "practice walking," a rehearsal for the graduation ceremony, according to Mike Weil. At 8 p.m. that same night, Senior Convocation will be held. All are welcome at the event that will be held in Dodd Auditorium.

Dead Week will not only be filled with various activities, but it will also be a time for reflection. Many will remember all the friends they made during their four years at Mary Washington.

"The diversity of friends I made here during my freshman year is probably what I'll take from here," said senior Katherine Opieka, who will receive a degree in political science. "It's amazing because even after four years I'm still really good friends with them."

While many will miss friends some will think back to their favorite teacher. "I will definitely miss Dr. Crawley," said Landis. "He threw some awesome bashes and the hors d'oeuvres' were the best."



Photo Mike Woodward

Vegetarians Will Have Their Mouths Full At Local Restaurant

By Jamie Pizzorno
Bullet Staff Writer

ranging from \$5.75 to \$14.50. They also have sandwiches which run for around \$3.

The eating does not stop there, though. Merriman's also has a large line of desserts, which they said are made daily on the premises.

Previously, the restaurant belonged to Richard Johnston, the mayor of Fredericksburg in 1827. The house is a historical landmark as specified by the city of Fredericksburg, with the bottom floor as the restaurant and the top floor as apartment space.

Merriman's is on the end of a long line of establishments of which Merriman has proprieted or been the head chef. He has had restaurants in such cities as Key West, Fla., Richmond, Maui, Hawaii and Soho, N.Y.

"This restaurant is the culmination of all the other restaurants that I have been involved in. It takes from the others [restaurants]...the Mahi-Mahi is imported from Hawaii, the Conch is from the [Florida] Keys and the

seafood, which is local, is caught fresh everyday," said Merriman.

The restaurant is co-owned by Donald Hudson and Merriman.

The interior of the restaurant is simple yet elegant, complimented by light and jazzy music. The first items that may catch your eye are lithographs by Anna Mercedes-Hoyos. Most of the lithographs are for sale, and a price list can be obtained by a request to the manager.

The decoration, completed by Sandy Campbell, creates a tropical feeling. The restaurant even has its own palm tree which was constructed by David Atkinson of Soho, N.Y. and has fresh foliage to make it appear more realistic.

Moving to Virginia to be closer to its roots, Merriman started the restaurant about a month ago after massive renovation to make the building what it is today.

"We would like to invite people to come down and check us out," said Merriman.

Shows

Friday, April 23 Concert, Mary Washington College Choral Groups; Dodd Auditorium; 8 p.m.; free

Lectures

Wednesday, April 21 "Africana Womanism," by Dr. Cleonora Hudson-Weems, associate professor of English, University of Missouri-Columbia; Great Hall, 7 p.m.; free



Exhibits

Through Aug. 1 "Oriental Philosophy in America: Kurt and Elsa Leidecker and Their Asian Collection," Ridderhof Martin Gallery; Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m.; free

April 9-22 Annual Student Art Exhibition; duPont Galleries; Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, 1-4 p.m.; free

April 25-October 31 "From Washington to Clinton: Presidential Paraphernalia;" James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library, 908 Charles St.; daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; admission fee; \$9.4559

Check this out...

Wednesday, April 21 Earth Day Bash featuring Screaming Trees, Poster Children and Pond and guest speakers Bob Herbst and Ted Freeman; Ball Circle, 3:30-6:00 p.m.; free

Underground Acoustic Fest 8:00-11 p.m.

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With graduation just two weeks away, seniors are beginning to think about what they will do after college. Young will be working at General Electric in Rockville, Md., the Finance Management Department.

"My biggest worry is not getting a job like a lot of other seniors, but finding other friends with jobs to room with me," said Young.

Opela is in that very predicament. She will be moving to Richmond and waiting tables until she finds a job in her field.

"I'm not too concerned right now just as long as I get a job. Once I see how much money I don't have then I probably will be," said Opela.

He said he is not going to graduate school like so many of his fellow seniors. "I have no intention of going to graduate school; I'm trying to

avoid it forever," said Landis.

When asked what one thing they will remember most of their four years at Mary Washington virtually all seniors said Junior Ring Week.

"I got thrown in to the water fountain

maybe the academic building's clocks were too fast, but I could never make it there on time. Just once I would have liked to have made it to class on time," said Landis.

Mike Weil will remember something a little different. "I'll never forget coming back from Louisville, Ky., and finding out that my 12-page paper had been erased from my word processor," he said.

Some seniors won't forget the various relationships they have had over the years. "I'll never forget the date I had with Len Ornstein," said Cindy Rush.

As the seniors leave and embark on new adventures, virtually all will look back on Mary Washington College and have fond memories. "All in all, I'm glad I came here. I made the right choice," said Landis.

"I'll never forget the date I had with Len Ornstein."

- Cindy Rush,
graduating senior



Eric Stohr and Amy Mumpower after Senior Toast at the Eagle's Nest.

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Personals

To Devon, Lori & the house-Brew Down!
-Love, Kelley

To Mike Cerami-

Now I know why they call you the big rug!

-Love, Kelley

ATTENTION-

Thank you very much to the "adults" who stood yelling in the parking lot behind Mason at 1:30 Wednesday morning. (Hey, I didn't want to sleep anyway!) Such inconsiderate behavior is a perfect example of why this campus neither needs nor deserves 24/7 visitation.

-Karen C. '93

Christine, Nicole, + Melanie-Yay! We did it!(or almost). Thanks for a great year! Long live the Disco Mamas!

-Jennifer

Hey COWBOY-

Our time is an soon. There's not much to say, except it's been sheer "poetry." You will be missed. I'll think of you as the petals fall.

-Love, Dead Flowers

To the Goddess of All Roommates

It's all an Illusion! Please don't r-ke them angry. Watch those I-JA's - I'll have to move out. Way to be an owl!

-The closet Freak

Adam and McGil-

Do not taunt - Happy Fun Ball!!

-M

Courtney-

There's really no need to be mad. It's purely an admiration thing.

-"Stalker"

Gossip Queen-

I have faith you will continue to reign successfully without the help of the Princess! You better keep in touch and keep me up to date next year. Thank you.

-The Princess

Kelley, KT, Em, Heather, Thor & Cando-

I hope you all have a stressfree, bruise free sophomore year. I will miss you all tons. And Remember-H&S Mine! You don't want a brat on your bad side do you? Love you all.

-LU

Devin-

Finals are approaching fast. Prepare for fire trucks, chases at 7-11, faces in the crowd, and a psycho roommate. You don't say!

-Love, Jen

Sexy-

I love you! I also love your "stroke and grab!"

-Love always, Gorgeous

Lumpy, Perky Boobs, Doogie,

Teddy Bear Hands and Mrs. Strong-

Balls, I love you guys so much,

especially your bodies! Thanks for another fabulous year. I couldn't

have made it through without you

guys.

-Love, Cher(not anymore!)

Otis McDonald-

Your sex life without your hand is drier than the Sahara. "I told you I didn't want no girls in this world."

-Someone who hates the Jets

Ronma-

Well, this is it, your last personal from your ex-roommates. Are you sad? Try not to be too lonely next year. I'm glad you took Jr. Ring Wk. so well, but don't forget about your other belongings. We wouldn't want to write you up or anything. Let's get together this summer since

I'll be in lovely Fred-Vegas - J.

-Jen & Christine

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Mentor Matt-

You were our first friend here!

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-Love, Your favorite mentees

Roommates-

Anyone up for a game of "rack-em

stack-em?"

-The car hussy

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Tori, Whitney, Andrea, Dana, Sue-
Thank you for being the best things to come out of my college education.

-Love always, Jen

Cleitoris Toadstool-

Wait till your wedding. We have a surprise for you, McDonald's-dependent Gui Guru. Nice job drinking this year, Mrs. Dulevite.

-A real, free man

Andi Farris-

First of all, I was not dancing with that guy. He, like you, wanted what I've got. Just remember that I love and respect all women, and I drive them home.

-Your fantasy

Mr. Brecher-

I'll miss you this summer(ohhh-the m word). If you go somewhere, let me know, I'll meet you there!

Thanks for the 14 hours,

bellybuttons, teethmarks, The Cisco night, a sour apple blow-pop, my own hook in your room, lotion on my sunburn, & risking your life for cigarettes. Watch out for your psycho, & I'll watch out for mine! The last word-what else, A HORSE!!!

-Love, Logic Chick

Mariel Smith-

You're very beautiful and obviously intelligent, but why the HELL do you look at the ceiling EVERY time you take a drink???

-A concerned male

Chris "Brain" Alexandrow-

What happened to law school?

Ha! Ha! Ha!

McRoberts-

It's called a phone. Bell invented it. Use it.

-Your Calc Tutor

Hey Hurskirk-

I like my men one at a time. Sorry, maybe after your roommate gets some, but never at the same time. Use a little decorum, Kojak! But I'll miss you(your sweetalking)

Mark Clark-

Next time remember to take the condom out of the package before you try to put it on.

-The concerned residence of the 5th floor

To Washer/Dryer, Stonewall,

Wendy, Pot-woman, Tory, Melis,

Sarah, Mia-

We're gonna miss you guys next year! Bushnell has been great because of each and everyone of you. Let's keep in touch next year! We love you guys!

The next life gals of Custis

Murray-

Hope you liked your Newtons!

-YSP

To All of my children- Since I'll probably be losing my license soon, you better get all your free rides in the Party Wagon before May 3rd!

-Ma

Melanie Foote-

Seh's such a ho! Gonna miss our talk(s)!! Lots of luck always!

-Love, Jen

Karen Davis-

I'm going to miss you sooo much! Aren't you glad you only have one more year?

-Love, Jen

Seton-

I sure am gonna miss seeing you around next year! You're finer than anything I've ever seen. C-ya around.

-The Blonde

Jon-Eric -

My soul will be at war with itself when you graduate.

Jay-Jay

Long Island Sucker-

The eternal question must be asked. Did you feel her mustache?

J.E.

TO THE DICTATOR &

SLAVERIVER-

The office and your lackeys will miss you, both, next year!!!!

Logic Chick-
Couldn't let you get the last word. Have a great summer.

-Brecher
To Tracy Young-
Best of luck with your job. Climb that corporate ladder! I'm going to miss you!

-Love, Cindy
Penny-
I want you! I love you! I need you!

-Leroy
Courtney Tolman-
You are a blonde. A blonde to make a bishop kick a hole through a stained glass window.

-Humphrey Bogart
C.D., L.V., D.N., S.H.-
Congratulations Graduates
(Almost!) I'll miss y'all next year. Don't get run over by the driver who was choked by the seatbelt(HA!) Come visit.

-Love, M
Brian R.-
Well, my personal analyst, I haven't had to call for a session in a while. Thanks for everything.

-Conchita

Carrie-
You are the nicest, sweetest, most awesome person that I have ever known.

-gus who?

Shandie-
Oh, what a year! Happy 20th you wonderful chic! Good luck next year w/all of the 3rd W Progester-one.

-Dork Boy

Meg-

Just think, we'll hear everyone's conversation on the payphone next year. Luv you.

-Long Duck Dong

Kong-

Are you still on PMS? May God help you!

-Linda

Kiski(silly wabbit)-

I'll miss studying with you at Trinkle next year! Looks like I'll own two toothbrushes. Congrats!

-eye lub wu)

Ira-
Thanks for putting up with me! I'll miss your snoring next year.

-rookie

Dead Flowers,
Tell me, Sister Morphine, when are you coming round again? Love, it's a bitch, but let's do some living after I die, and I won't forget to put roses on your grave.

-Needle and Spoon

Kiser and Bowman,
(Dead) Roads are green, do you still love me even though I'm so mean? Our house is yellow, and it's pure hell, But I loved my bedroom door, until it fell.

Love your favorite roomie

JJ- Had any roommates lately?

When's my turn?
Kristen - I can't wait until our reign begins over the front pages. Let's hope our little freshman protege can handle us (and our big hair.)

-Jay-Jay

Art-
We found you a job (finally!) You are now the campaign manager (and hairdresser) for Mrs. Virginia/Farmville 1993! Congratulations, and we wish you the best of luck!

-your favorite newsbouls

Janet (Garczynski) Marshall-

Even though you have no morals, no ethics, and no tact, I still love and admire you. I'm jealous of Chip.

With Love, Conrad

Miss Andra Hatch.

That fleeting glimpse of you on the train in the fall has sent my heart soaring. I'm riding the train daily, hoping to catch another glimpse.

-George (of Balt, MD)

Kathryn Ashby -

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Karri (Pimp) Ellis-

The weekend's fast approaching, I need your advice. Who should I hook up with?

-Lost in a Jefferson unit

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RAPES

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One study recently released by the State Council of Higher Education found that as few as two percent of the rapes that occur are ever reported.

Eight rapes were reported to campus police in 1992, yet 18 students were counseled by MWC's psychological services center for assaults that occurred since they arrived at college. Forty-one students sought counseling from the Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault for sexual assaults that occurred sometime during their lives, though Angel said those students were not necessarily assaulted while attending MWC but instead could have been assaulted as children or as teenagers.

"That is an alarming number and this is just the minimum of what goes on," Angel said.

According to Angel, students who do report rapes have options that include bringing charges through both the civil and criminal court systems. However, Angel said many victims decide against taking their assailants to criminal court.

"A lot of people realize how hard it is to go through the court system," Angel said. "It's very hard to get a conviction in a rape case."

She said that conviction in criminal court is difficult because usually there are no witnesses to the assault and often no physical evidence exists, since rapes of ten are not reported until after the time period has passed to get physical evidence which would suffice in court.

At Mary Washington and most other state schools, however, victims can also press charges through administrative channels. Angel said victims are more likely to have their assailant found guilty of violating school policy through the campus' Student Conduct Hearing Board than in criminal court.

Angel said the accused may be found guilty of violating school policy when the jury believes that there is more than a 51 percent likelihood that the rape or assault occurred.

The Student Conduct Hearing Board is chaired by Conrad Warlick, vice president for administrative services. Members of the board include three faculty or administrators from a group of ten, and one student member, who is either the judicial chair, honor council president or student association president.

Though Angel said she thinks the sexual assault policy at the college is a good one, she said that it is being rewritten to include a means for pressing charges against a student who assisted in an assault. The revised policy, which will be presented to the Board of Visitors for approval, includes new sanctions and plans to make the transcripts of students found guilty of violating the school policy.

"I do think they try to be very objective and fair, but one of the issues is recommending different sanctions," she said. "If I have any disagreements it is over the sanctioning that has occurred."

Angel said that the terminology of the policy will be changed to "sexual misconduct" rather than "sexual assault" in order to include more behaviors which the college community finds unacceptable.

A memo addressed to the BOV from Angel said, "Defining our policy and procedures as addressing 'sexual assault' would risk being compared with the criminal process, which requires much higher procedural hurdles than those currently in place here."

Angel said the policy update is the result of recommendations from the

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coordinator of sexual assault services

attorney general's office and a campus committee which studied the current policy.

Steven Greenlaw, chairperson of the department of economics, who is one of ten faculty/administrators who sits on Student Conduct Hearing Board trials, said he thinks that the board is not being utilized regularly because not enough students know about it. "I guess it does concern me somewhat," said Greenlaw. "I don't know why more don't come to it. It is distressing."

Nancy Bailey, the staff psychologist for the college psychological services center, said she works with victims to decide whether or not to press charges against their offender.

"I like to see them press charges but it's not always in their best interest," she said.

Angel, whose position as coordinator of sexual assault and substance abuse service was established in fall 1992, said she thinks that the college police encourage rape victims to press charges but a lot of victims "absolutely refuse."

According to Greg Perry, lieutenant of the MWC police, students who report rapes to the campus police are offered several options for counseling.

Perry said the police refer victims to campus psychological services, the health center, to Angel's office and to Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault.

"Even if they don't want to do anything [press charges] I can get them help. What we have been taught through training is that the [victim] needs some sort of counseling made available to them," he said.

Angel said that next year she will be conducting a survey to determine the number of students who have been assaulted. The study will also attempt to determine campus attitudes towards females which might tend to foster an environment conducive to sexual assault.

Angel said that victims who press charges against their attacker often get over the traumatic experience of rape more quickly than those who do not.

"I think that people who do seek some sort of retribution can recover more fully and quickly," she said.

Steve Hampton, associate professor of psychology, said that if a victim knows her assailant she is less likely to report the rape.

"The whole process is unpleasant," he said.

He said that women also tend not to report the rape because they feel that the rape is in a sense their fault.

"If she says no to a sexual offer then it's legally rape and she need not look to herself [to blame]," he said.

Bailey said that victims often do not report their assaults because they are experiencing the emotional after-effects of the crime.

"If you have to get up and tell your story it makes you uncomfortable that people might not believe you," she said.

Angel, who said she only meets with rape victims who have decided to press charges through the student

conduct hearing board, said that student victims are more likely to seek help off-campus because they feel embarrassed or ashamed.

Beginning in the spring of 1992, MWC contracted the Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault to counsel students and to provide R.A. and peer educator training and to be available for educational programs for the college.

Angel said that most rapes that occur in general are between two people who know each other. She said that this is true on the MWC campus, as well.

"All [rapes] that I'm aware of knew each other," she said.

Angel said that education is very important in the prevention of sexual assault and rape, especially focusing on what is included in the definition of rape.

"If a woman can't give her consent then it's rape," she said.

But Angel said that in order to see a decrease in the number of rapes, men will have to take a more active role in preventing rape.

"I think that until men take the lead and organize against rape we won't see a decrease in the numbers," she said.

Christopher Kilmartin, assistant professor of psychology, said there is some evidence that men engage in sexually coercive behavior but do not call it rape. Kilmartin, who said that he hopes that rape education for men can be included in freshmen orientation, said that the most difficult part of education is getting men to listen.

"The hardest thing is that 'traditional men' don't want to talk about it," he said.

Kilmartin said his educational goal is for men to realize that sexist comments support the rape culture.

"People don't draw the connection," he said. "They say 'I'm not a rapist so I'm not involved.'"

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GRADING

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MacKinnon took both semesters of Introduction to Chemistry with Wishner and said she received a 'B' for the first semester and an 'A' for the second semester. She said she discussed the Bible with Wishner and subsequently lowered her lab grades during the first semester.

Senior Kelly Duncan, MacKinnon's roommate, who was also a student in Wishner's first semester chemistry class that year, confirmed that MacKinnon's grades dropped.

"All I know is that she got really good grades in the class until she stood up in class and disagreed with her about evolution and then her grades started failing," Duncan said. "Wendy's very sensitive about her religion, yes, and it was obvious that wasn't pro-religion."

Though the article in *The New Life Journal* did not name Wishner, it said that MacKinnon's professor was the head of the department when she took the class as a freshman. Wishner was not the department chairperson, however, but he shared an office with Chemistry Professor Roy Gratz, who was the chairperson at the time.

"I guess she was confused about who the head of the department was," Gratz said.

Gratz said he was especially upset by the allegations when he thought MacKinnon was referring to him in the article.

"I'm still upset because we don't need this kind of story coming out, especially when I don't know that it can be substantiated," Gratz said.

MacKinnon said her grades were clearly lowered as a result of her disagreements with Wishner, and she knew this because her lab partner's grades remained high.

She said lab grades came from worksheets students completed, and that the answers she and her partner reported on the worksheets were the same because they had completed the labs together.

According to Duncan, students usually reported their lab findings on the worksheets through fill-in-the-blank responses.

"A couple of times we had to write paragraphs but mostly it was just filling in temperatures," Duncan said.

Wishner acknowledged that the lab reports were simply worksheets which reported lab findings and that the lab grades were based on those worksheets, but he said he had "no

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-- Lawrence Wishner,
retired chemistry professor

idea" how MacKinnon thought her lab grades could have been lowered. "I have no idea. I looked at her lab grades and her grades were more or less typical," Wishner said. "And then they improved throughout the course."

"Without a doubt [MacKinnon's allegations] are not true. In my 31 years of teaching this is the first time my grading has been questioned," Wishner said.

MacKinnon said she never discussed her failing lab grades with Wishner because she said she was "intimidated."

"Now I would definitely go to the dean, but as a freshman I was intimidated," MacKinnon said.

According to Philip Hall, dean and vice president for academic affairs, students who wish to appeal grades generally try to work the problem out with the professor before going to him with their complaints.

"You would next go to the department chair and then to the dean," Hall said.

The Student Handbook says that if the dispute is still unresolved after consultation with the department chair and the dean, "The matter will be referred to the Academic Review Board to act as a conciliator between the student and the faculty member involved."

More than three years have passed since the time when MacKinnon says Wishner lowered her grades. MacKinnon said last week that she discussed the Bible in class with Wishner because she felt that he stated his opinions on the Bible as if they were fact, and that this upset her. She specifically recalled Wishner once saying that Abraham could not possibly have made the journey he made.

"I'd raise my hand and say, 'Well how do you know it wasn't that way?'" MacKinnon said.

Wishner said he may have mentioned Abraham's journey in class, but he only would have done so during the second semester course.

"The only time I would have mentioned Abraham's journey would have been in conjunction with a lab on ancient dying techniques. I never said it couldn't have possibly taken place. I was implying that Abraham was a kind of symbolic figure," Wishner said. "But this discussion would have been second semester, not during the semester in which MacKinnon said her grades were lowered."

MacKinnon said she first recounted her story for a paper in Professor James Farmer's Civil Rights course last fall, and then had it published in the *New Life Journal* this spring.

Eric Wallace, publisher and editor of *The New Life Journal*, said the article's intention was never to "slam anyone."

"My only hope for the magazine is to encourage those who are believers to keep the faith," Wallace said. "It never really occurred to me that this might be libelous, especially since there was no name mentioned."

Though Wishner said he was surprised by the allegations, he said he is not overly concerned by them.

"I'm retired. She can't do my career any harm," Wishner said. "Sometimes students perceive things differently. You can't be all things to all people."

Gratz and Hall both said that allegations about improper grading are difficult to substantiate because there is a certain degree of subjectivity involved in grading, and that when students do not receive the grades they expect to receive, they often do not understand why.

"I don't know what kind of incidents may or may not have happened," Gratz said. "But it would be inconceivable that [Wishner] would be engaged in any kind of harassment," MacKinnon, however, stands by her story.

"I've had professors who have used class time to state opinions as fact, but I've never had a professor who dropped my grades," MacKinnon said. "I started off with A's. Next thing you know, I noticed my grades went down to constant C's."

"I'm not afraid of telling the truth," MacKinnon continued. "I just wish I hadn't shut up [in class]."

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